

REMARKS

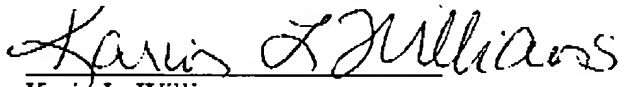
Claims 15-27 are pending in the application. Claims 15-18 are independent claims.

Claims 18-27 were objected to for the reasons noted in paragraph 2 of the Office action, specifically addressing Claims 18, 19 and 27. Each of the issues raised therein is believed to be addressed in the foregoing claim amendments. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 15-17 were indicated as being allowable. In light of the corrections indicated above, Applicants submit that the application is currently in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,


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